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SUBJ: OPPOSITION LEADER RESIGNS NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY SEAT

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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, J.R. JAYEWARDENE, HEAD OF UNITED NATIONAL PARTY (UNP) AND LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION IN NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY (NSA), SUBMITTED LETTER RESIGNING ASSEMBLY SEAT ON MAY 13. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM JAYEWARDENE IS EXPECTED SOON.

2. RESIGNATION FULFILLS LONG-STANDING PLEDGE TO PROTEST EXTENSION OF NSA TERM BEYOND FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF GENERAL ELECTIONS, LAST HELD MAY 27, 1970. JAYEWARDENE'S PLAN TO SEEK NEW MANDATE MAY BE COMPLICATED BY MOVE UNDER WAY TO AMEND CONSTITUTION SO AS TO DISQUALIFY FROM CANDIDACY FOR NSA ANY INCUMBENT WHO HAD RESIGNED SEAT FOR POLITICAL REASONS SINCE PREVIOUS GENERAL ELECTION. PROSPECTS FOR ADOPTION MAY BE DIMMED BY NEED TO MAKE AMENDMENT RETROACTIVE TO BAR JAYEWARDENE. AT PRESENT LEADING UPN OFFICIALS DOUBT JAYEWARDENE WILL ADVISE OTHER UPN INCUMBENTS TO RESIGN, BUT THEY THINK ONE OR TWO MAY DO SO. NSA MUST NOW FACE QUESTION OF WHO BECOMES LEADER OF THE

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